

Principal:  
Lesley Welsh



12 May 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

As you are aware, since January 2024 we have been operating a revised set of localised behaviour procedures as part of a plan to further improve the learning environment in the school. In the next stage of the plan, the school will be moving to a House system in June 2024. Our Pastoral system is currently organised in year groups but as we move forward, students will be allocated to five Houses, each one led by a House Leader (one of our current Heads of Year), with students from across the five year groups. House systems operate in a number of schools including some across Hope Sentamu Learning Trust and are designed to be more powerful to support families, with a single point of contact for parents or carers who have children in more than one year group which we hope will improve communication in school. The House system will also enable us to grow the community across the school, using Houses as a vehicle to celebrate success and see students competing against other Houses in competitions, sports days and much more.

As part of the new system, we are asking our whole school community to decide on possible house names and we would be delighted if you could feedback on your favourite / least favourite here: <https://forms.gle/WWKP1RPmPhxHTdW7A> The House system will be launched formally on Friday 24 May when students will find out which House they have been allocated to. For many students this will result in a new Head of House when Mrs Hoyle, Ms Petts, Miss Simpson, Mr Thompson and Mr Traves will take up these positions which operate across year groups. There may also be some changes to tutors for some students. We hope that these changes will positively impact on the whole school community and look forward to sharing news of your child's new 'House' at the end of May.

Finally, I would like to thank those parents and carers who have already completed the survey related to your views on attendance and how we can further support you. We have extended the deadline to get more responses and we would be very grateful if you could complete this. We really appreciate your honest feedback and time in completing this survey. The survey is completed anonymously. The link to the survey is here: <https://impacted.typeform.com/hopes> I would like to thank you as ever for your support as we continue to improve our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Welsh'.

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